

REMARKS

Amendments to claims 1, 19, and 39 are for the purpose of clarifying what Applicant regards as the invention. No new matter has been added.

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,178,511 (Cohen) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,158,010 (Moriconi). Claim 39 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cohen in view of Moriconi and US2002/0026592 (Gavrila). Claims 19-38 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cohen in view of Moriconi, US 2002/0082818 (Ferguson) and Gavrila.

Claims 1 and 39 have been amended to recite a data object comprising a distinguished name that does not include a user name. Claim 19 recites similar a limitation regarding the distinguished name. None of the cited references discloses or suggests such limitation. Rather, Cohen discloses a single sign-on mechanism that uses a data model where information used to sign on to applications is kept in a data base PKM 24 (column 5, lines 16-29). Cohen discloses that PKM 24 contains user identification (column 5, lines 30-31 and 37), and does not disclose or suggest a distinguished name that does not include a user name. Moriconi, Gavrila, and Ferguson also do not disclose or suggest the above limitation, and therefore, fail to make up the deficiency present in Cohen. Since none of the cited references discloses or suggests the above limitation, they cannot be combined to form the resulting subject matter of claims 1, 19, and 39. For at least the foregoing reason, claims 1, 19, and 39, and their respective dependent claims, are believed allowable over the cited references and their combination.


CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, all pending claims are believed in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions or comments regarding this amendment, please contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

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